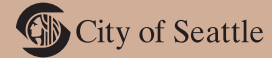




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We are working to improve driver safety in the Battery Street Tunnel.

Moving Forward in the North End Lenora Street to Battery Street and Battery Street Tunnel Improvement Projects

In 2007, WSDOT began construction on the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Regardless of what alternative is chosen to replace the viaduct along the central waterfront, we can move forward to remove or repair about half of the viaduct in the south and north ends. By starting now, we will improve driver safety on SR 99 and ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent responsibly.

We plan to repair or replace many of the mechanical systems in the Battery Street Tunnel, which connects the north end of the Alaskan Way Viaduct to Aurora Avenue N. We will:

- Install a new sprinkler system, a fire alarm system, ventilation fan controls, tunnel closure signs and signals, and lighting.
- Reinforce the tunnel's roof beam connections.
- Add an emergency exit stairwell in the southbound tunnel.

closed to general traffic and converted to emergency access/maintenance ramps. Once a solution is chosen for the central waterfront, more work on the Battery Street Tunnel may be necessary.

We have also developed plans for stabilizing the Lenora Street to Battery Street section of the viaduct. This is the side-by-side roadway that leads to the Battery Street Tunnel. This project is currently on hold because we are focusing on critical design work for the central waterfront project.

Along with the upgrades, the short on-and off-ramps at Western Avenue just south of the Battery Street Tunnel will be

Fact sheets are available on other projects, including:

- South End: S. Holgate Street to S. King Street Viaduct Replacement Project
- Electrical Line Relocation
- Transit Enhancements and Other Improvements
- Column Safety Repairs



North end project area



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Many of the potential central waterfront solutions would require changes to the Lenora Street to Battery Street section of the viaduct. To ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, we want to know more about what will replace the viaduct along the central waterfront before moving forward with further design or construction on this section.

Why are we pursuing these projects?

The Battery Street Tunnel was constructed in the 1950s and has not been upgraded since. Its electrical and mechanical systems do not meet modern safety requirements.

Although the section of the viaduct from Lenora Street to the Battery Street Tunnel sits on more stable soil, it is still susceptible to earthquakes and must be reinforced or replaced.



Maintenance crews perform work near the south portal of the Battery Street Tunnel.

What are the end results?

- A safer Battery Street Tunnel
- An earthquake-strengthened roadway

What will construction be like?

Work in the Battery Street Tunnel will involve mostly nighttime closures and up to two weekend closures per month.

We are developing plans for construction, and we will work with the surrounding residents, businesses and freight groups to determine the best ways to keep people and goods moving.

Construction:

Battery Street Tunnel: 2009-2011

Lenora Street to Battery Street: On hold



For safety reasons, the tunnel's on- and off-ramps at Western Avenue will be closed to general traffic.

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